

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 6 stands objected to for an informality. Applicant amends claim 6 to change "said carriage" to "a carriage". Accordingly, this objection should be moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2, 6 and 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida (U.S. Pat. No. 6,561,606 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, Claims 2, 6 and 7 now recite water head adjusting means for adjusting a water head of the function liquid ejection head relative to a function liquid tank for supplying the function liquid droplet ejection head with a function liquid by vertically moving the function liquid droplet tank based on the result of measuring by the gap measuring means. Yoshida fails to teach or suggest such water head adjusting means. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdraw of this rejection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the continuing indication of the allowance of claims 3-5.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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